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transmitted in a predetermined format with units having a predetermined data length among devices linked to a bus line, the data is transmitted by setting up a section for transmitting auxiliary data of transmission data in a unit having the predetermined data length, and placing identification data related to spatial placement of the transmission data in a first section within the section for transmitting the auxiliary data, and data related to set-up of the transmission data in a second section within the transmitting section.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-10 by rewriting same to read as follows:

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--1. (Amended) A transmitting method for transmitting data in a predetermined format using a plurality of units each having a predetermined data length among devices linked to a predetermined bus line, comprising the steps of:

setting up an auxiliary section for transmitting auxiliary data of transmission data in a unit having the predetermined data length; and

placing identification data related to a spatial placement of the transmission data in a first section within the auxiliary section and placing data related to a set-up of the transmission data in a second section within the auxiliary section.

--2. (Amended) The transmitting method according to Claim 1, wherein

the transmission data is audio data and the identification data in the first section is data related to positioning of a speaker for each of a plurality of channels.

--3. (Amended) The transmitting method according to Claim 1, wherein

the transmission data is audio data, and the data related to the set-up in the second section is data related to a sampling frequency of each of a plurality of prepared channels.

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--4. (Amended) The transmitting method according to Claim 1, wherein

the transmission data is audio data and the identification data in the first section is identification data related to spatial placement of a recording channel; and

the data related to the set-up in the second section is data that indicates one of existence and absence of the recording channel for each of a plurality of channels.

--5. (Amended) The transmitting method according to Claim 1, wherein

the transmission data is image data, the identification data in the first section is data related to a placement position to display the image data, and the data related to

the set-up in the second section is data that specifies a display pattern of the image data.

--6. (Amended) A transmitting apparatus comprising:

data input means for obtaining predetermined transmission data;

transmission data generating means for dividing the transmission data obtained by the data input means into a plurality of items of data each having a predetermined data length, and for generating transmission data of a specific format by placing label data specifying a scheme of each of the plurality of items of data in a head portion of each of the plurality of items of data, wherein the transmission data generating means also generates auxiliary data having the data length and sets up a section used in transmitting the auxiliary data, and the transmission data generating means places identification data related to spatial placement of the transmission data in a first section within the auxiliary data and places data related to set-up of the transmission data in a second section within the auxiliary data; and

sending means for sending the transmission data generated by the transmission data generating means to a predetermined bus line.

--7. (Amended) The transmitting apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein

the transmission data obtained by the data input means is

multi-channel audio data; and

the identification data in the first section within the auxiliary data generated by the transmission data generating means is data related to positioning of a speaker for each of a plurality of channels.

--8. (Amended) The transmitting apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein

the transmission data obtained by the data input means is multi-channel audio data; and

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the data related to the set-up in the second section within the auxiliary data generated by the transmission data generating means is data related to a sampling frequency of each of a plurality of prepared channels.

--9. (Amended) The transmitting apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein

the transmission data obtained by the data input means is multi-channel audio data;

the identification data in the first section within the auxiliary data generated by the transmission data generating means is identification data related to spatial placement of a recording channel; and

the data related to the set-up in the second section is data that indicates one of existence and absence of the recording channel for each of a plurality of channels.